



James Kelley Owens

December 29, 1949 - March 10, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of James Kelley Owens, who left this world peacefully at his home on March 10, 2026, at the age of 76. James was born on December 29, 1949, in the quaint town of Seneca, South Carolina, to the late James Thomas and Kathlyn Kelley Owens. He carried with him through life the values instilled by his loving parents, who preceded him in passing, along with his beloved wife, Anita (Breux) Owens, his sister, Carolyn Owens and cherished grandsons, Dustin and Austin Hart.

James, affectionately known to his friends and family as "Jimmy," was a man of service, dedication, and warmth. After graduating from Chamblee High School in 1968, he honorably served his country as a proud member of the United States Marine Corps. Following his military service, he devoted over two decades of his life to a career at Norfolk Southern Railway, where his work ethic and positive spirit left an indelible mark on his colleagues.

Beyond his professional life, Jimmy was a pillar of his community, serving four terms as Commander of Asa W. Candler Post 65 of The American Legion. His commitment to his fellow veterans and community members was unwavering, and he found joy in fostering camaraderie and support.

One of Jimmy's greatest joys was coaching his daughters in softball at Dresden Park. For over a decade, he stood on those fields—sun up to sun

down—teaching, encouraging, and cheering with a passion that made him unforgettable. Those years weren't just about the game; they were about time together, laughter, and the kind of memories that become family treasures.

Jimmy was known far and wide for his quick wit and infectious sense of humor. He had the rare ability to make anyone laugh, brightening the darkest of days with a well-timed joke or a warm smile. His gift for levity brought comfort and joy to all who knew him, and his presence will be deeply missed.

He leaves behind a legacy of love through his surviving family: his devoted daughters, Heather (Bill) Hensley of Morganton and Ashley (Randy) Rinehart of Loganville; sister, Kathy Elizabeth Owens of Dunwoody; and his treasured grandchildren, Preston (Karlee) Wysocki of Canton, and Addisen and Channing Rinehart of Loganville.

A celebration of Jimmy's life will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, starting with the receiving of family and friends from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, located at 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. Followed by a Graveside Service at 1:00 p.m. at Hill Haven Memory Gardens, 490 Edmondson Road, Monroe. Pastor Joe Hughes will officiate. Friends and family are invited to gather in remembrance of a life well-lived and a man deeply loved. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com.

As we bid farewell to James Kelley Owens, we hold onto the laughter and love he shared so freely. In honoring his memory, let us carry forward his spirit of kindness, service, and humor, keeping him close in our hearts forever.

Cemetery Details

Hill Haven Memory Gardens

490 Edmondson Road
Monroe, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville
670 Tom Brewer Road
Loganville, GA 30052
(770) 466-1544

Graveside

MAR 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hill Haven Memory Gardens
490 Edmondson Rd
Monroe, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Kelley Owens*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 16 at 03:33 PM

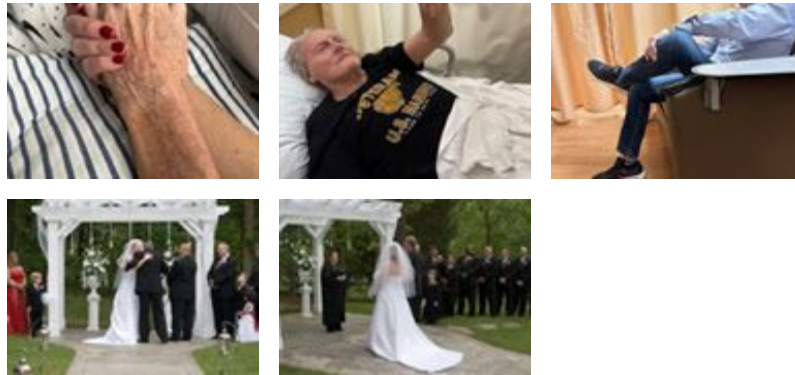
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Beautifully done. Poignant and touching

Cindy Rinehart - March 17 at 03:13 PM



“ *27 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - March 16 at 03:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Kelley Owens.*



March 15 at 10:56 AM



“ *Robert and Trisha Blas and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Kelley Owens.*



Robert and Trisha Blas and family - March 14 at 09:26 PM



“ *The Greasons & The Andersons purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James Kelley Owens.*



The Greasons & The Andersons - March 14 at 06:02 PM



“ *The Greasons & The Andersons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Kelley Owens.*

The Greasons & The Andersons - March 14 at 06:02 PM

JC

“ *Jerrel Crocker purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of James Kelley Owens.*



Jerrel Crocker - March 14 at 10:13 AM

VN

“ *Virginia, Eric, Maureen, and Neville. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Kelley Owens.*



Virginia, Eric, Maureen, and Neville. - March 14 at 08:34 AM

VN

“ *Virginia, Eric, Maureen, and Neville. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Kelley Owens.*

Virginia, Eric, Maureen, and Neville. - March 14 at 08:34 AM

TF

“ *The Steve Rinehart Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of James Kelley Owens.*



The Steve Rinehart Family - March 13 at 09:11 PM

HK

“ Heather, Bill, Preston and Karlee purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of James Kelley Owens.



Heather, Bill, Preston and Karlee - March 13 at 05:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of James Kelley Owens.



March 13 at 10:22 AM